

THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

December 9th - 13th 2024

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Please check out the BCHS Events Calendar <https://bchs.crps.ca/>.



Thanks for attending our Open House

A huge thank you to all the families who attended our Open House and Craft Fair this past Tuesday evening! The event showcased the strong sense of community we have at BCHS. Sales from the Craft Fair were extremely successful. We raised close to \$600.00 that will be donated to support the Banff Food Rescue. Thank you very much to all who supported this cause by purchasing items!



Grad Fundraiser a Huge Success!!

The Grad Class of 2025 held their annual fundraising dinner and silent auction at The Balkan Restaurant last week. This event was well attended making it a huge success. Thanks to all the local community members and businesses who donated items for the silent auction. Also, a very special thank you to Ms. Wiggins, Ms. Bulas, and members of the Grad committee for all your hard work organizing this event! The next fundraising event will be on New Year's Eve. Grads will be volunteering with the Town of Banff to run family events. For their participation grads will be given a donation from the Town.

School & Community Holiday Concert

The BCHS band will be performing at the Banff Centre School/Community Holiday Concert. This will be a fun, community centred family event to celebrate the holiday season. There are two performances, one on Wednesday, December 11 starting at 6:30pm and one on Thursday, December 12 starting at 6:30pm. You can purchase tickets online using these links: [December 11](#) or [December 12](#).

Please note: there is a maximum of 4 tickets available per family

CAREERS

A program coordinator from CAREERS will join us on December 11 at 11:25am. CAREERS is a non-profit organization that helps Alberta youth with work-integrated learning and paid internships in skilled trades, ICT, agriculture and more.

Learn how this organization can support any students interested in pursuing the trades . Please check with Ms Bekar for more information.

SALTS Trip 2025 Information Presentation

Interested in sailing on a tall ship in October 2025? Students and parents should join the online meeting held on **December 12** at 8:00pm for more information.

January Exam Week

We are working hard on the January Exam schedule and will be able to release the full schedule next week. The Grade 12 Diploma Exam schedule is set by Alberta Education and can be found [HERE](#). Core academic courses for our Grade 9 students run year long, therefore they will write Provincial Achievement Tests for those classes in June. During the January Exam Period, our Grade 9 students will be engaging in work placements. More details about the Grade 9 Work Placement program will be out soon.

Teacher Support

Assignment completion is a work habit and skill that we hope all students develop as they pass through high school. However, some students need a little more support with being independent in their work habits. Teacher support sessions run over lunchtime on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays**. These sessions are for students who do not complete assignments by deadlines, who miss a test due to an absence, AND also for students who would like additional support. Students will need to bring their lunch with them.

Extra Curricular News

Athletics

Basketball:

Practices

- JR & JV Boys practice on Mondays & Thursdays from 3:30-5:00pm
- JV Girls practice on Mondays from 5:00-7:00pm and Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00pm
- SR Girls practice on Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00pm and Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00pm

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Basketball Games

- Friday/Saturday December 6 & 7th - JV Girls @Olds tournament
- Friday/Saturday December 6 & 7th - SR Girls @Oilfields tournament
- Tuesday December 10th - JR Boys @ CCHS from 7:00-9:00pm
- Friday/Saturday December 13th & 14th - SR Boys & Girls Basketball tournament @Olds High School

Volunteers 2024-2054

All volunteers need to complete a Vulnerable Sector Check with the RCMP every 12 months. This usually only takes a few days - contact Renee Husdal, in the office for more details and a form. Throughout the year we need volunteers for field trips, as coaches for teams, and other extracurricular activities.

School Fees

Volleyball payments are now **overdue**.

NEW Basketball fees have been added; please check your Parent Portal.

You can find a listing of school fees [here](#).

School fees can be paid online through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Once you sign on, under "Navigation," click "Student Fees."

Please [click here](#) for instructions on how to make a payment using [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).

Debit or credit card payments can be made online through your Parent Portal.

If you wish to pay by cheque, cash, or tap & pay, you can do so through the BCHS Main Office.

In cases of financial hardship, please email Renee Husdal for a "Fee Waiver Form" or call her at 403-762-4411.

The Week Ahead

Monday, December 9th 2024

- JR & JV Boys BBall practice - 3:30-5:00pm
- JV Girls BBall practice - 5:00-7:00pm

Tuesday, December 10th 2024

- Green Team/High Hopes meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- JR Boys Basketball game @ CCHS - 7:00-9:00pm
- SR Girls BBall practice - 3:30-5:00pm
- SR Boys BBall vs OLS at BCHS from 5:00-7:00pm

Wednesday, December 11th 2024

- Teacher support at lunch
- Student Leadership meeting at lunch - room 115
- Careers Trades presentation at lunch
- JV Girls BBall practice - 3:30-5:00pm
- SR Girls BBall practice - 5:00-7:00pm
- Community Holiday Concert 1 @ Banff Centre - 6:30pm

Thursday, December 12th 2024

- Teacher support at lunch
- Grad committee meeting at lunch in room 115
- JR & JV Boys BBall practice - 3:30-5:00pm
- SR High Boys BBall practice - 5:00-7:00pm
- Community Holiday Concert 2 @ Banff Centre - 6:30pm

Friday, December 13th 2024

- Half Day Friday - Blocks A & B. Dismissal at 11:42am
- SR Boys & Girls BBall tournament @ Olds High School

Upcoming Dates

- Dec. 17: BCHS Band performing @ Banff Springs Senior's Tea
- Dec. 20: School closes for winter break @ 11:42am
- Jan. 6: School reopens for 2025
- Jan. 7-9: PE 10 classes - skating @ Fenlands
- Jan. 8: SR Girls Basketball @ CCHS - 5:00pm
- Jan 9: JR Boys Basketball vs OLS from 3:30-5:00
- Jan 9: SR Boys Basketball vs CCHS from 5:00-7:00
- Jan. 9: Settlement Services Pizza Lunch
- Jan. 10: JR Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament - Canmore



Host Families Needed for International Students!

The CRPS International Student Program is looking for local Bow Valley families to join our Homestay Program from Feb-June 2025. Being a host family is a truly meaningful experience for all involved as you share culture, language, activities, and memories that will last a lifetime. Please check out the [Homestay Website](#) where you will find all the information you need about hosting a student including a link to the [Homestay Application](#).

SWIS Upcoming Events for Parents

The SWIS (Settlement Services in Schools) team is offering the following free events aimed at foreign-born students, parents, and family members. If you have any questions or would like more information about these sessions or other services offered by the SWIS Team please contact them at SWIS@banff.ca. Participants will be able to access Pizza Vouchers for these online sessions, please see the registration links for details.

1. Positive Ways to Parent
Tuesdays: January 14, 21, 28, and February 4
Time: 6:00–7:00 pm (online via Zoom)

Pizza vouchers are available.

[Register here](#)

1. Schooling in Canada: Open Discussion and Skill Building
Monday, January 20, 2025
Time: 6:00–7:30 pm (online via Zoom)

Pizza vouchers are available.

[Register here](#)

1. Schooling in Canada: Grade to Grade
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025
Time: 6:00–7:30 PM (online via Zoom)
Pizza vouchers are available.
[Register here](#)

Banff Public Library Math/Science Tutoring

The [Banff Public Library](#) is offering **FREE** Math & Science tutoring sessions for students from grades 1-12. No pre-registration is required, just drop in from 5:45-6:45pm on the following dates:

- Monday Dec. 9
- Monday Dec. 16

News

Bow Valley Settlement Services Information and December newsletter [Click Here.](#)

Follow the [link](#) to view the highlights in The Brief from the November CRPS Public School Board Meeting.

BCHS Bear Tools

- Parents, please ensure you can log on to Parent Portal. Look for the PowerSchool Quick Link on our school webpage or [click here](#). This is where you will access daily updates on your student's marks and attendance, school fees, and more.
- Grade 10-12 students can access their official Alberta Education transcript of marks through a myPass account (myPass.alberta.ca). Grade 10 marks will start to appear after the first semester.
- The 2024/2025 Student / Parent Handbook is available on our [home page](#). Do have a look as it contains a lot of important information about how our school operates, our expectations, our celebrations of student success and dates for the whole year including diploma exams.
- Please click this link for the [2024 - 2025 School Calendar](#)

Social Media

A great way to stay connected to our school is through our social media platforms. Make sure that you follow our school social media sites at the following addresses:



Website

Bear Celebrations

If you have a BCHS Celebration that you would like to share with our community, please email darren.anderson@crps.ca.